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Application Number	09/656,309
Filing Date	September 6, 2000
First Named Inventor	Walter Callen et al.
Group Art Unit	1652
Examiner Name	Richard Hutson, Ph.D.
Attorney Docket Number	09010-027003

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)

 - ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendment filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☒ Enclosed
 - ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other _____
- Miscellaneous**

 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other _____
- Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
 - ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - ☒ Other Any deficiencies
 - ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 375 enclosed
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Title : ENZYMES HAVING HIGH TEMPERATURE POLYMERASE ACTIVITY AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due July 17, 2003. Applicants herein submit a petition for a one month extension of time to August 17, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, check and Petition for Extension of Time;

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- Request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and \$375 fee;
- Exhibit A (USPTO guidelines);
- Exhibit B (selected claims from US patents);
- Exhibit C (selected claims from US patents);
- Exhibit D, Rule 132 declaration by Dr. Walter Callen, with CV of Dr. Callen;
- Postcard.